



# Press release

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## ***Household consumption up 3.0%***

The volume of domestic consumption by individuals in January was up 3.0% on January a year ago. The growth rate for January is virtually identical to the growth rate observed in the fourth quarter. The latest figures by Statistics Netherlands show that the growth rate has been declining in the course of last year. The annual growth rate for 1999 remained high (3.6%) due to the strong increase in the first six months.

### ***Less spending on food***

The level of spending on food, beverages and tobacco in January was down 3.2% on a year ago. The expenditure on food (2.1%) fell with less than the expenditure on beverages and tobacco (5.2%).

The calendar in January had a negative effect on the outcomes. This year's January had a Monday more and a Friday less than January 1999. Friday is a day when much food-shopping is done.

### ***Durable goods remain popular***

Expenditure on durable goods was up 5.3% on January a year ago. Within this category people spent more on means of transport, household appliances and home furnishings. There was less expenditure on household goods, clothing and textiles than a year ago.

Almost one fifth of domestic consumption is related to the purchase of durable goods.

### ***Other goods***

The volume of expenditure on other goods in January was up 2.9%. This category includes energy and motor fuels as well as non-durable goods such as plants, books, paper products, medicines and cosmetics.

### ***Services: 3.4% growth rate***

The category services constitutes the largest in the expenditure categories of the consumer, with a share of 60%. In January the level of expenditure was up 3.4% on January 1999. The growth rate for 1999 as a whole was close to this.

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***Individual consumption (domestic) percentage changes on a year ago/Ontwikkeling van de individuele consumptie (binnenlands)***  
*Procentuele mutaties t.o.v. dezelfde periode een jaar eerder*

|   | 1999       | 1999       | 1999       | 1999       | 1999       | 2000       |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
|   | Kw3        | Kw4        | Nov.       | Dec.       | Jaar       | Jan.       |
| <b>VOLUME CHANGES</b>                                   |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Food/Voedings- en genotmid-<br>delen                    | 1,9        | 1,3        | 4,2        | 4,2        | 0,2        | -3,2       |
| Durables/Duurzame goederen                              | 4,1        | 4,3        | 6,7        | 3,5        | 6,7        | 5,3        |
| Other goods/Overige goederen                            | 3,7        | 2,2        | 1,6        | 4,5        | 3,2        | 2,9        |
| Services/Diensten                                       | 3,5        | 3,4        | 3,6        | 3,3        | 3,5        | 3,4        |
| <b>Domestic/Individuele con-<br/>sumptie binnenland</b> | <b>3,4</b> | <b>3,1</b> | <b>3,9</b> | <b>3,6</b> | <b>3,6</b> | <b>3,0</b> |
| National/ Individuele consump-<br>tie nationaal         | 3,8        | 3,0        | 3,9        | 3,2        | 3,8        | 3,1        |
| <b>VALUE CHANGES/<br/>WAARDEMUTATIES</b>                |            |            |            |            |            |            |
| Food/Voedings- en genotmid-<br>delen                    | 3,4        | 2,3        | 5,3        | 5,0        | 1,9        | -2,9       |
| Durables/Duurzame goederen                              | 5,6        | 4,0        | 6,5        | 3,3        | 7,3        | 4,9        |
| Other goods/Overige goederen                            | 7,6        | 6,9        | 6,3        | 10,1       | 6,1        | 8,8        |
| Services/Diensten                                       | 6,1        | 6,6        | 6,8        | 6,5        | 6,3        | 6,9        |
| <b>Domestic/Individuele con-<br/>sumptie binnenland</b> | <b>5,9</b> | <b>5,6</b> | <b>6,5</b> | <b>6,1</b> | <b>5,9</b> | <b>5,6</b> |
| National/Individuele consumptie<br>nationaal            | 6,2        | 5,5        | 6,4        | 5,7        | 6,0        | 5,7        |

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